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Committee Bill No. 198

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERPRETER SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Not later than September 30, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
4 Services shall submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
5 implement the provisions of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special
6 session* concerning optional services under the Medicaid program.
7 Said state plan amendment shall supersede any regulations of
8 Connecticut state agencies concerning such optional services.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
10 state plan to include foreign language interpreter services provided to
11 any beneficiary with limited English proficiency as a covered service
12 under the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2007	17b-28e
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Statement of Purpose:

To improve efficiencies in the Medicaid program by allowing interpreter services to be a covered service thereby promoting access to health care for persons with limited English proficiency and reducing incidents of misdiagnosis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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